

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-33, 35-42, 44 and 45 have been pending in this application. The Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowability of Claims 2-5, 4-25, 32, 33 and 35-40. Claims 1, 24-31, 41, 42, 44 and 45 have been rejected. These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 27-33 and 35-42 by this Amendment. The Applicants do not concede to the Examiner's rejections and reserve the right to prosecute these claims in continuation applications. Claims 2, 44 and 45 have been rewritten so as not to depend on the rejected base claims. Claims 3-5, 7-25, 44 and 45 depend on now independent Claim 2. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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